I'm immensely concerned by the growing consolidation and fragmentation of our media. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

If Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, shouldn't it be obligated by law to serve the public interest?

When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for them not good for us or our democracy. It's vital that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive and balanced news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions demonstrate why we should have strong media ownership rules and why the license renewal process needs to ber closely monitored.

Sincerely,. Barbara Hendra